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Dear Ms. Toti and Ms. Versaw:

Thank you for your letter regarding concerns related to the impacts of particulate matter (PM10) from the Oceano Dunes State Vehicle Recreation Area and implementation of the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (District) Rule 1001. I understand your frustration with the pace it has taken to deal with this issue.

From ARB's work to reduce fugitive dust emissions in other regions of the State, including Owens Lake, Imperial County, and the Central Valley, we have learned that mitigation of fugitive dust impacts is as technically complex and challenging endeavor as any air quality challenge. But we also know that success in these other regions has come from an iterative process of mitigation actions, evaluation, and revision. Therefore, I have directed ARB staff to provide the practical and scientific support needed to get meaningful mitigation in place and measure its effectiveness. And use what is learned to support the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) implementation of the mitigation necessary to meet federal and State air quality standards.

ARB senior management, serving as a facilitator, has been working with State Parks and the District to move towards successful implementation of the District's rule. As part of this effort, ARB's fugitive dust experts have been working with District and State Parks technical staff and consultants to design mitigation and assess its impacts. Right now, this group is designing the next phase of the mitigation and measurement effort for this Spring. As part of this effort, ARB staff will visit the Oceano Dunes in early February to assess potential mitigation areas in person.

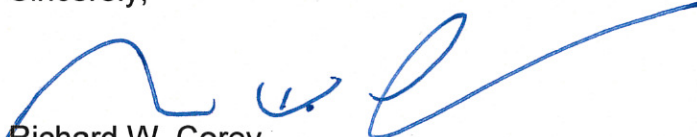
The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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Thank you again for your concerns. ARB is committed to continuing its support to resolve this public health issue. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kurt Karperos, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-5350 or by email at Kurt.Karperos@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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